

PLANNING REF : 242067
PROPERTY ADDRESS : The Paddocks
: The Paddocks, L Lodge Road, Whistley Green, Reading, Berkshir
: RG10 0EG
SUBMITTED BY : Mr Colin Copland
DATE SUBMITTED : 15/09/2024

COMMENTS:

I would like to object to the application and request that WBC reject the application.

We have lived in Hurst for 14 years and our property adjoins the site of the proposed development. We were attracted to the area because of its countryside views which this development will seriously impact. The proposed 99 homes would be a massive increase in the number of homes in the area which already had poor infrastructure. There is no doctors surgery, pharmacy, dentist, optician in Hurst so all of these visits require car journeys. The only facilities we have are a small village shop and a sub post office which only opens part time.

Everything else requires a car journey. The local primary school is full and it has become very difficult to find a place at the Piggott secondary school. Further housing development in Twyford which has been approved will mean that its unlikely that children in Hurst will be able to go to there in the future. This means that the only way children will be able to get to a secondary school will be by car.

99 homes means that there will be more than 200 additional cars. Lodge Road is already a very busy road with many drivers ignoring the speed limits. It isn't wide enough to have a proper cycle lane and anything less than a proper cycle lane will be extremely dangerous for cyclists. The proposed mini bus is only to service The Piggott school which it seems unlikely that any children will get into. The cost of mini bus will be charged to the new residents which will be a very high cost for each resident particularly as they will have a new mortgage to fund.

Drainage to the proposed site is very poor. The site floods during high rainfall and the foul drainage system in the Hurst system is already beyond capacity with many residents regularly not able to use their toilets.

The area is designated Countryside, it is not within the Development limit of the Parish and conflicts with Local Plan policies.

There will be considerable harmful visual impact on the views across a large area.

The impact on biodiversity will be huge. a considerable length of hedgerow will have to be removed and will impact on the wide range of wildlife living in the area.